

WHEREAS; observed annually during the week leading up to Thanksgiving, Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week calls attention to the widespread, but often overlooked, issues of hunger and homelessness in the United States; and

WHEREAS; according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), approximately 580,000 Americans experience homelessness on any given night, and in more than a third of cases, reside in unsheltered locations such as on the street or in abandoned buildings; and

WHEREAS; the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) found that, in 2020, more than 38 million Americans were living in food-insecure households, and that 9.4 million were living in households with very low food security; and

WHEREAS; USDA also found that nearly 10 percent of households in Wisconsin are food-insecure, and HUD estimates that more than 4,500 Wisconsinites are experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS; the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has only exacerbated already unacceptable levels of hunger and homelessness in our state and throughout our country, leaving many homelessness shelters, domestic abuse shelters, and youth homelessness and runaway centers at capacity and with no choice but to turn away individuals in dire need of their services; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that every person deserves to have their basic needs met, and that no one should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from or whether they and their family will have a roof over their heads when they go to sleep at night; and

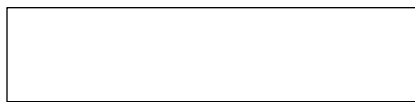
WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the federal government, state agencies, and dedicated advocates and organizations in working to address the pressing issues of hunger and homelessness in our state through targeted investments and support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 13 through 21, 2021, as

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18th day of November 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State